

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Amendment submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 2003, and more specifically, in response to the Interview conducted on April 14, 2003 by one of Applicants' attorneys with Examiner Dudding. Claims 31-51, 55-62, and 65-69 are pending in this application. Claims 31, 47, 51, and 55, which are the independent claims, have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Applicants note that the change to Claims 31, 47, 51, and 55 has been made to distinguish the present invention as recited in these claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,318,850 (Childers et al.). Applicants note that support in the specification for the change to these claims can be found at least at page 13, lines 17-21. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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